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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] (ORR, [])

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SUBJECT : Reequipping of the Yugoslav Ground Forces

REFERENCE : Memo 5271-S-45, dated 25 May 1964

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25X1 A reexamination of [] and collateral evidence regarding Soviet military shipments to Yugoslavia since early 1962 brings CIA closer to the [] position that the Yugoslavs have obtained significant quantities of such equipment. Statements by Gosnjak, Kresacic, and Kljun during the past month, and the Malinovskiy delegation's offer of long-term credits, make it appear certain that Soviet shipments will be increased sharply in the near future.

It is not quite accurate, however, to calculate Soviet deliveries up through June 1963 as being in "very large amounts," at least in the sense of refitting entire Yugoslav divisions with the latest Soviet hardware. Our attaches have not observed enough of this new equipment to permit such a judgment. Yugoslav statements that they have paid cash, at least up to now, appear credible, and the Yugoslav economy simply did not allow for enormous cash outlays.

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1. [] last week submitted an item for inclusion in the [] the reequipping of the Yugoslav ground forces with Soviet models. The CIA comment from Washington on the item was to the effect that Yugoslavia had purchased only limited amounts of new Soviet equipment for training purposes and suggested a far more modest goal than that indicated in [] account. On the basis of our comment the item was not published in []

2. Despite all, [] feels it has a case for their statement.

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[] They feel that this is sufficient evidence that very large amounts of military equipment has been received.

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3. [] would appreciate your comments soonest.

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